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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 648

Introduced by Assembly Member Dymally
(Coauthor: Senator Vincent)

February 19, 2003

An act to add and repeal Article 7 (commencing with Section 33600) of Chapter 4 of Part 20 of the Education Code, relating to commissions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 648, as amended, Dymally. Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission.

Existing law establishes various state educational commissions.

This bill would establish the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission *if only after the Department of Finance determines that private donations in an amount sufficient to support the activities of the commission have become available for that purpose.* The bill would specify the membership of the commission and would require the commission to develop 3 alternative ways to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka in a manner that appropriately involves the public school system. The bill would require the commission to provide, during the 2004–05 school year, the State

Department of Education with these 3 alternatives from which the department would be authorized to select one, and to authorize its implementation *only after the Department of Finance determines that private donations sufficient to fund the chosen alternative have been deposited with the state.*

The bill would repeal these provisions on January 1, 2006.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Article 7 (commencing with Section 33600) is added to Chapter 4 of Part 20 of the Education Code, to read:

Article 7. Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission

33600. The Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission is established in the ~~state government~~ *department* and shall be convened pursuant to this article ~~only if private donations become available for those purposes.~~ *after a determination is made by the Department of Finance that private donations in an amount sufficient to support the activities of the advisory committee have been deposited with the state.*

33601. The Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission shall consist of two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and five members appointed by the Governor. At least one of the members appointed by the Governor shall be chosen from a national civil rights organization, and one of the members appointed by the Governor shall represent the department. The nine appointed members shall be broadly reflective of the general public of the state.

33602. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her representative shall serve as executive secretary to the commission.

33603. (a) The commission shall develop three alternative ways to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (1954)

1 U.S. 483 in a manner that appropriately involves the public school
2 system.

3 (b) The commission, during the 2004–05 school year, shall
4 provide the department with these three alternatives and the
5 department may choose one of the three alternatives and authorize
6 the implementation of that alternative in the public school system
7 *only after a determination is made by the Department of Finance*
8 *that private donations in an amount sufficient to fund the chosen*
9 *alternative have been deposited with the state.*

10 33604. The members of the Brown v. Board of Education of
11 Topeka Advisory Commission shall serve without compensation,
12 and no public funds may be used to compensate the members for
13 expenses.

14 33605. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,
15 2006, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
16 that is enacted before January 1, 2006, deletes or extends that date.

